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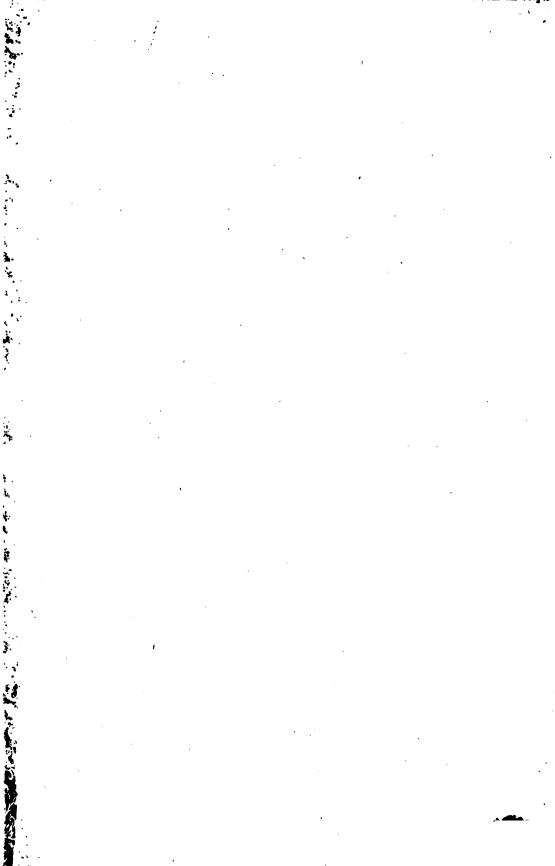
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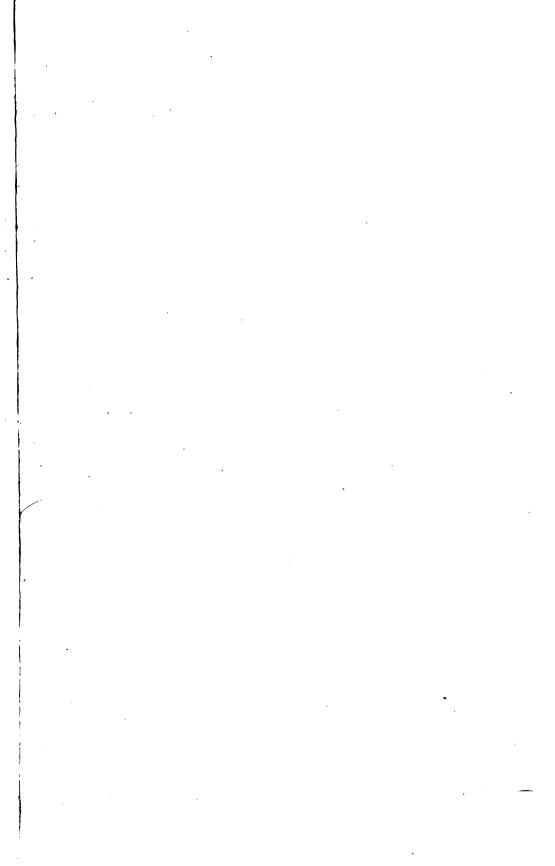
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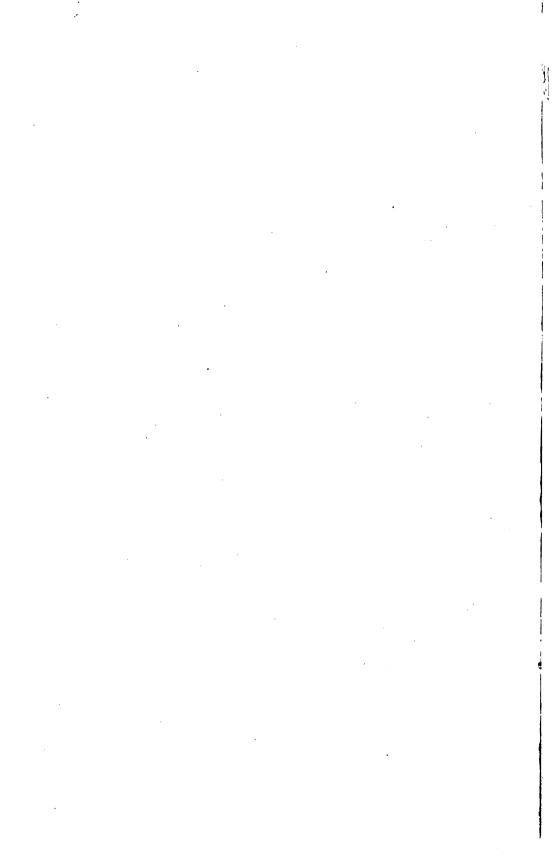
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BEFORE proceeding to set out a list of books on music and of collections of music suitable for public libraries, it will perhaps be advisable to make a few remarks on the subject at large. most librarians are aware, the presence of music in libraries established under the Acts has only recently been generally recognised as desirable, and though a few-certainly not more than half-a-dozen-libraries formed collections many years ago, the great majority practically ignore the matter. There are still librarians who deny the claims of music in any form to representation in public libraries, though they admit with readiness any kind of picture-book; but these will doubtless be speedily brought to reason and consistency as the public demand for music becomes Meanwhile much interest in the subject has more emphatic. recently been awakened, and nearly every librarian, who wishes to keep abreast with the popular demands of his readers, is making some little provision of music and its literature. and to all librarians interested in the matter, this Guide is especially addressed, in the hope that more systematic and better informed methods of making collections of music may in future obtain. I have already pointed out * the wholly inadequate position assigned both to practical music and its literature in nearly every public library, and need, therefore, but repeat my strong belief that neither music nor any other subject should be left to the manifold uncertainties of chance. It is the main object

^{*} In the Library, vol. iii. p. 147, and Magazine of Music, 1892, p. 65.

of this series of subject-lists to rectify what has in many instances been simply library formation on the happy-go-lucky principle of selection by instinct instead of knowledge; and if this brief tract does anything to remedy the haphazard method of collecting music its only object will have been accomplished.

One or two difficulties confront the librarian at the very outset of his task of music collection, but these need in no great measure hinder progress if properly understood. The literature of music presents only one difficulty, that of at first restricting selection to the most necessary works, but this is largely met by the method adopted of marking the following list. With practical music. however, the case is rather different, as the questions which arise are not confined merely to selection. They spread to important considerations like those of edition, notation, duplication, and the provision of popular music in sheets. The first consideration I have endeavoured to dispose of by indicating those editions of popular classics which seemed by their form, price, or editor, to best meet the requirements of public libraries. The second, which concerns the purchase of staff or tonic sol-fa notation editions, extends chiefly to the greater vocal productions of masters like Handel, and should be decided in favour of the universally recognised staff notation to begin with; demand for other editions being left for later decision. A similar policy should be observed as regards duplicating popular works. While in some libraries the light operas of Sullivan are so much in request that duplicates may seem to be a sine quâ non, there are others in which this popularity is never reached, and so it may be urged that demand only should be allowed to regulate the supply. With works of this class, moreover, which only have a temporary vogue, it should be considered that the lapse of time frequently diminishes or utterly extinguishes their lustre, and common-sense should therefore dictate caution in the matter of filling the shelves with lumber for posterity. Finally, I would advise that sheet music be entirely ignored, unless in the case of local composers, whose works it is desirable to collect on other grounds than those of public utility or requirements. The enormous quantity of songs and pianoforte music annually issued in sheet form is simply appalling, and though now and again amidst this plethora something meritorious or that takes the public fancy may emerge, it is neither the duty

nor to the advantage of public libraries to waste money in purchasing it in such a form, or to devise special means of storage with the attendant expense. These, then, are a few of the difficulties most likely to confront the librarian in his quest of music. To this should be added a caution against buying anything but works of the highest class; and to prevent this from being done in ignorance, I would recommend that advice be sought from some local musician of good standing before experimental selection is attempted. Organists of large churches as a rule are well qualified, and in this case would, I believe, be willing to give assistance. This caution may seem superfluous to librarians who understand music, but to those not so fortunate it is necessary to give some warning against the array of mediocre oratorios, cantatas, operas, "arrangements," services of song, and such like inflated imitations of great and artistic works.

There are several practical points which demand a little discussion before this brief series of notes is closed. In the following list of practical music the price given is that of the cheapest issue of each work. These for the most part are bound in paper covers. The publishers' cloth bindings are, as a rule, more expensive than library contract leather bindings; besides, being chiefly held by thin muslin and thick glue, their durability is questionable. will, therefore, prove most economical in the long run to buy in paper covers where possible, and let demand distinguish works to be bound. Most of the works noted in this list are in 8vo (9" to 10") and 4to $(12" \times 9\frac{1}{2}" \text{ to } 13" \times 10")$ sizes, but it may be that folios have been inadvertently included, and in such cases librarians will study their own and readers' convenience by having smaller sizes if possible. Of course, certain works are only When ordering music it will often be found issued as folios. of some advantage to approach the publishers especially if the selection made from the list of one firm runs into a respectable amount. Discounts ranging from 25 to 50 per cent. will generally be allowed on a fair order, and all the bother of employing an intermediary will be saved.

The names and addresses of firms mentioned in the annexed list will doubtless be found useful. The book-publishing firms, such as Macmillan's, Longmans', the Clarendon Press, etc., are so well known to librarians that there is no need to give

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Messrs. Schott & Co., 159 Regent Street, London, W.

Messrs. J. Muir Wood & Co., Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

Music may very often be purchased second-hand at low prices, and good editions of the older classics, other than those named in the list, can be bought for very little from such firms as Mr. W. Reeves, Fleet Street, London. Many good Continental firms in Berlin, Frankfort-on-Maine, Leipzig, and elsewhere, also make a special feature of second-hand music-selling. The second-hand booksellers of London and the provinces have also occasionally good and cheap parcels of music, and doubtless would give more attention to the trade if sufficient encouragement was forthcoming.

In this list the selection of books marked with a double asterisk (**) should form part of every public library, large or small, as a foundation on which to build up a musical section. Other works on the same subjects can be selected of course, but there should be no failure to have such subjects represented. The single asterisk (*) denotes works which ought in addition to be purchased for libraries able to make a good start. The "R" in front of entries indicates books suitable for reference only.

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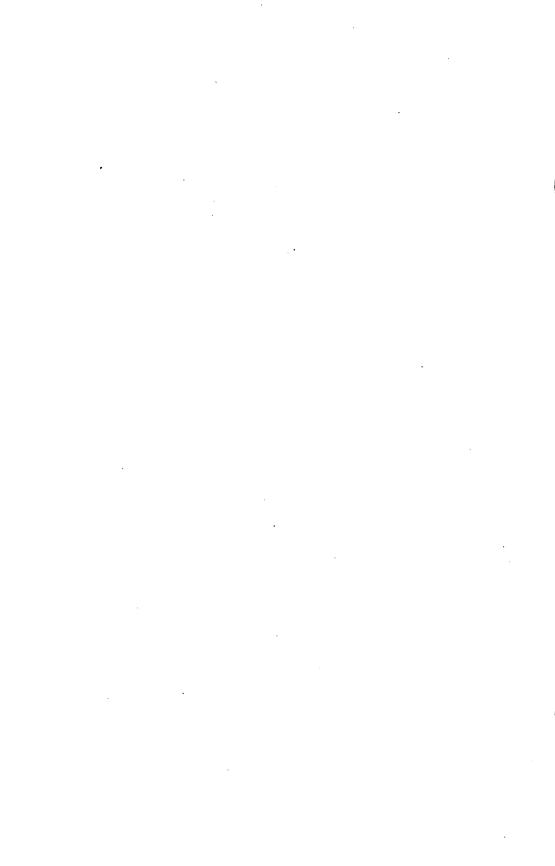
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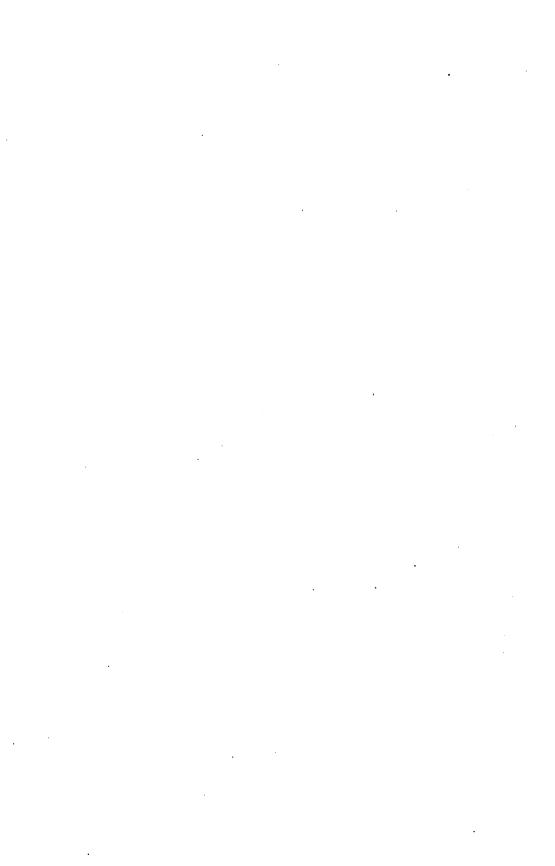
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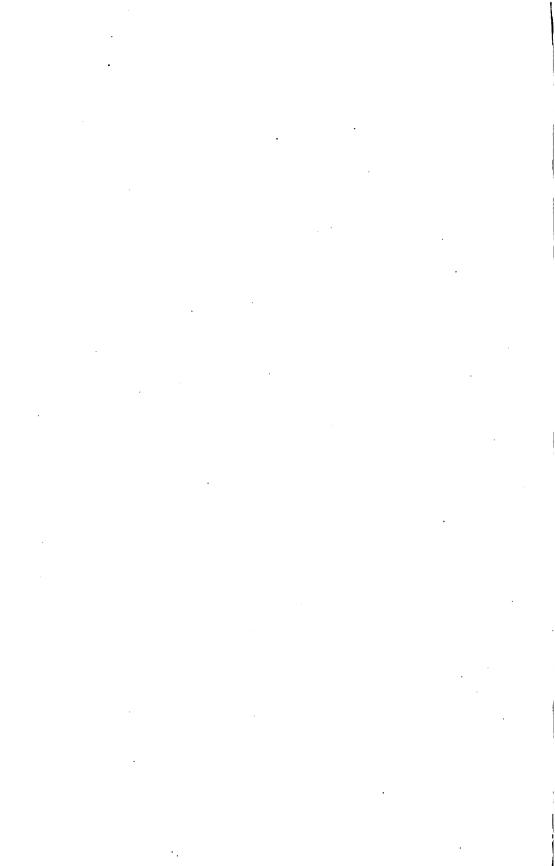
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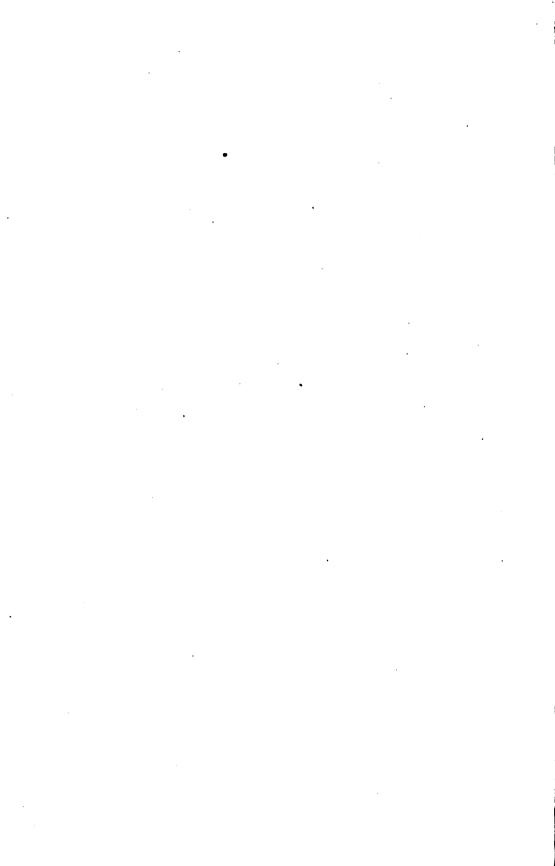






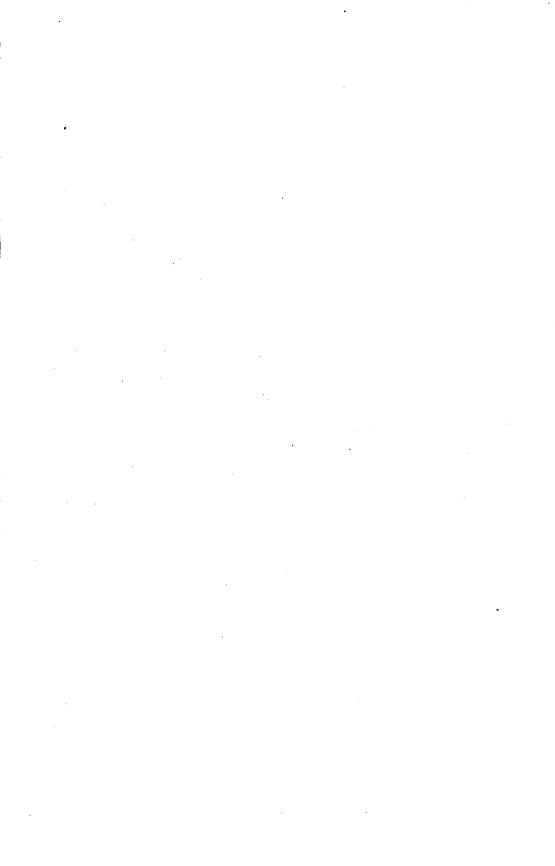


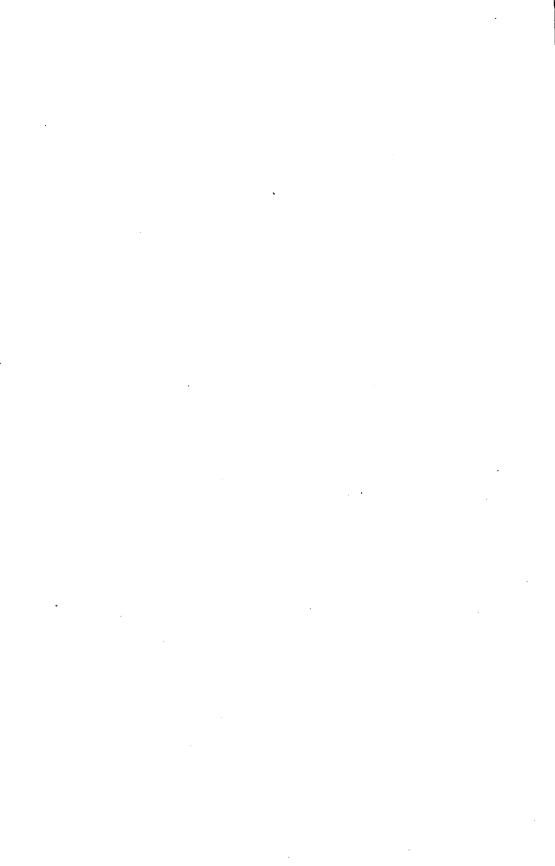
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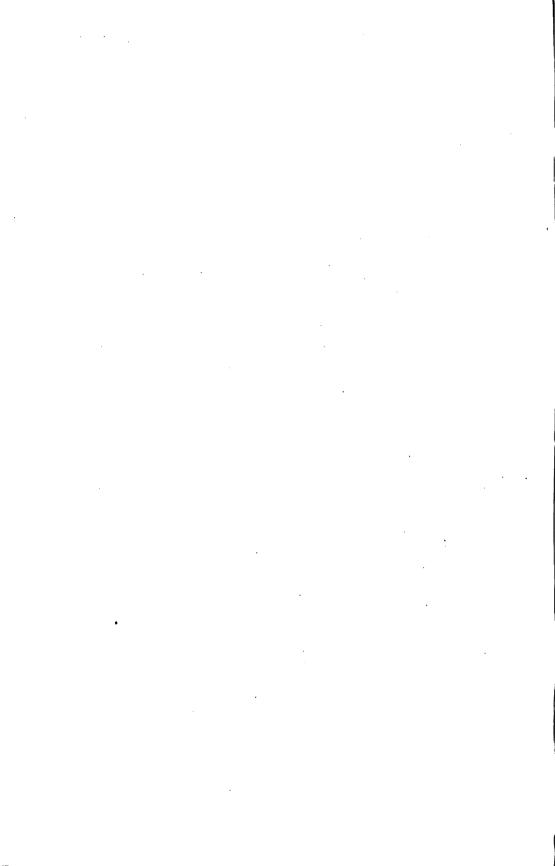




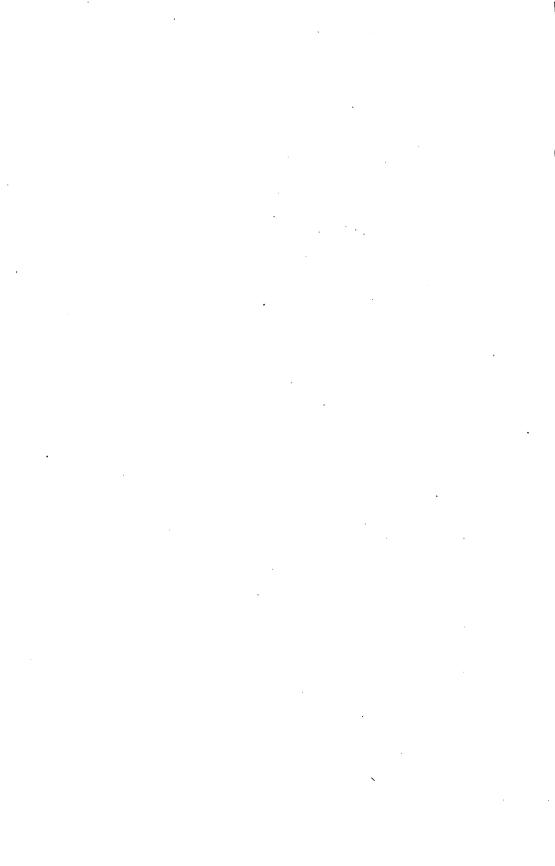








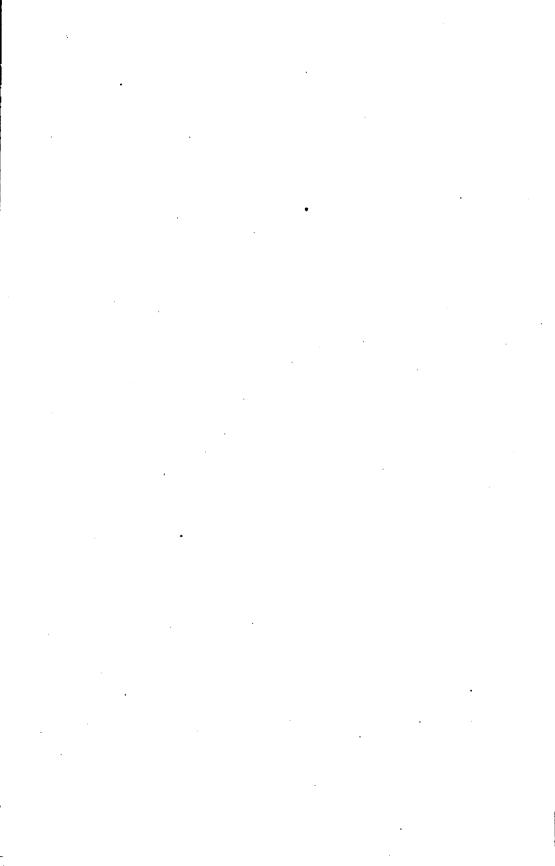












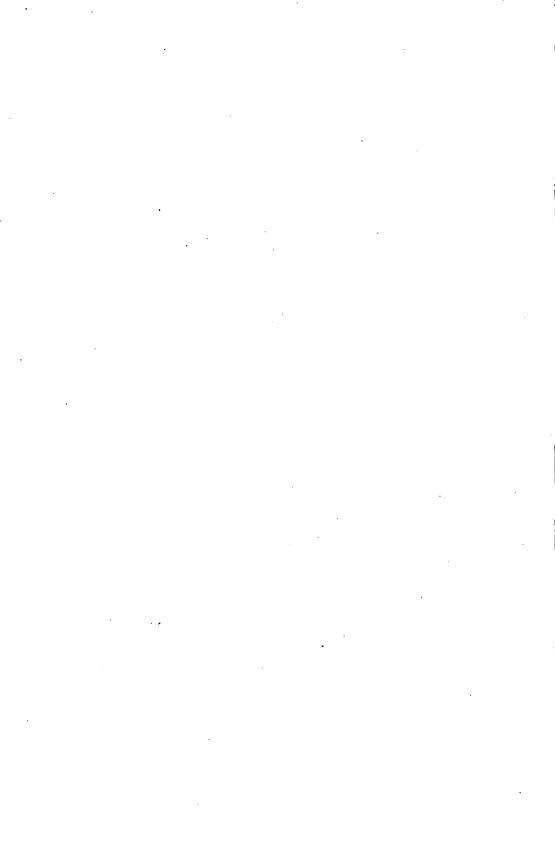
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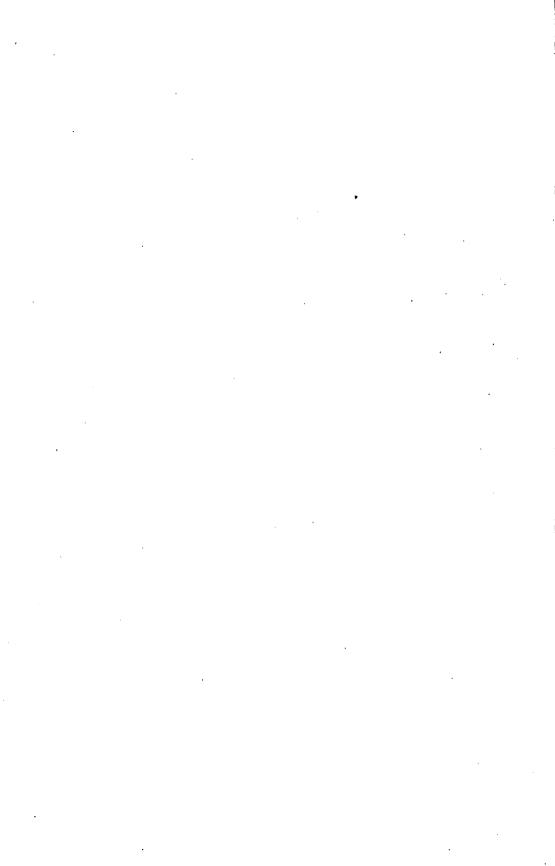
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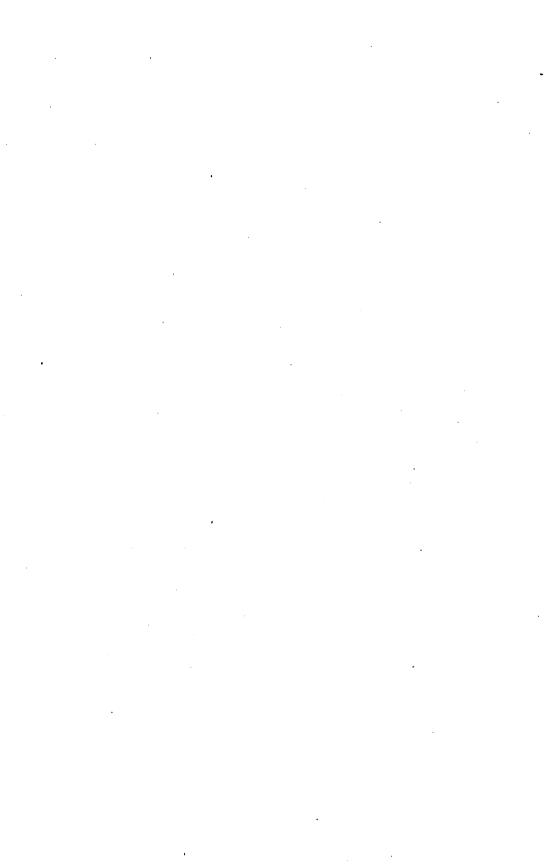
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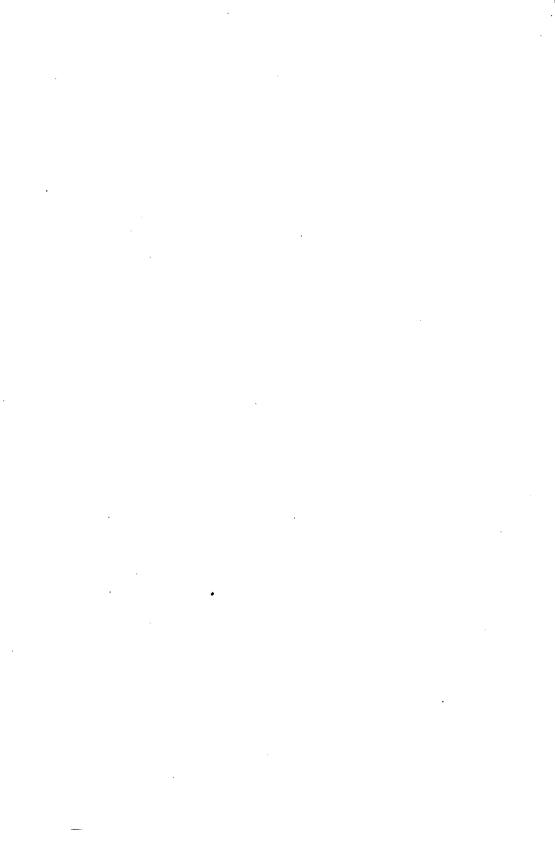


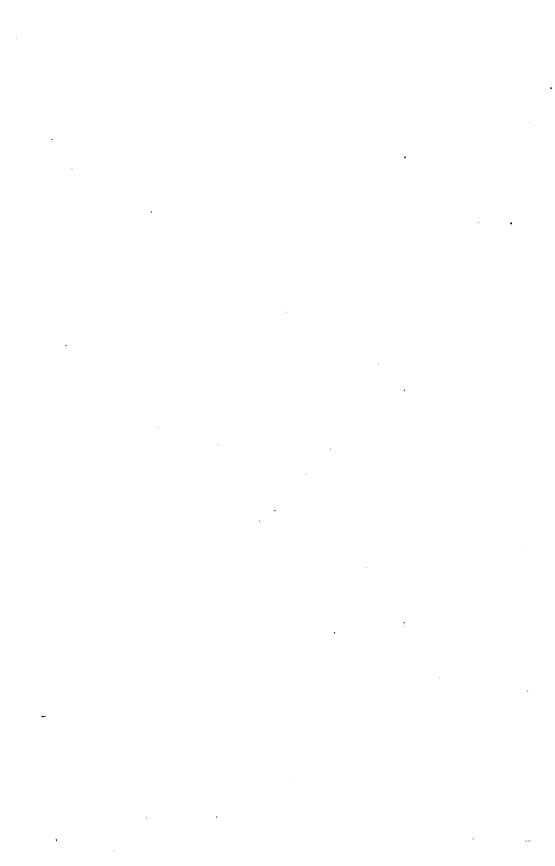


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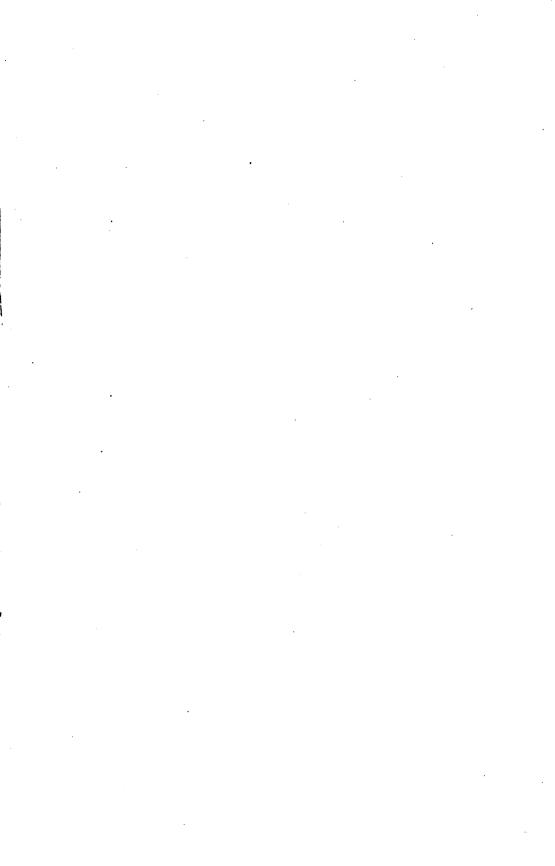






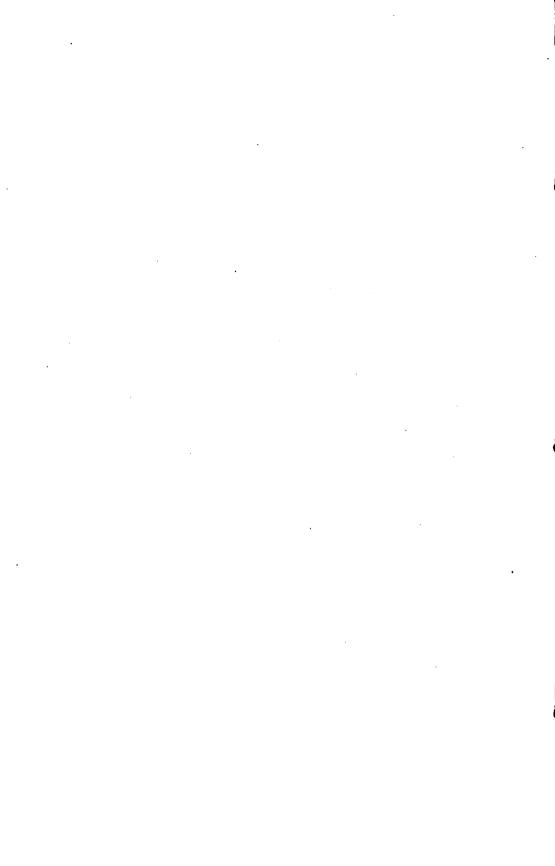
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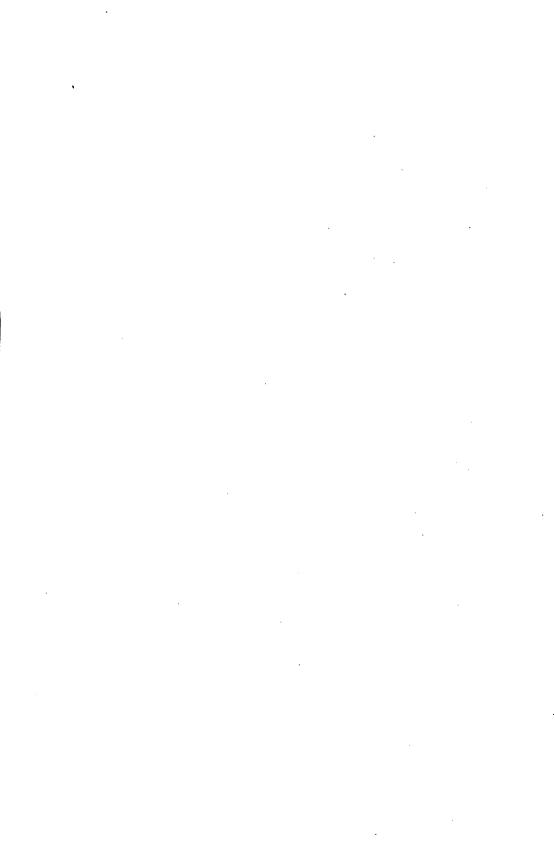


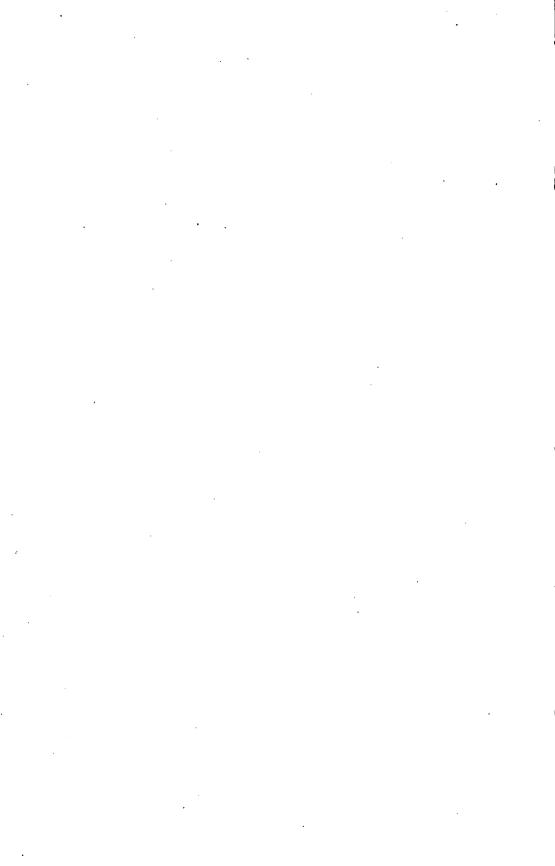




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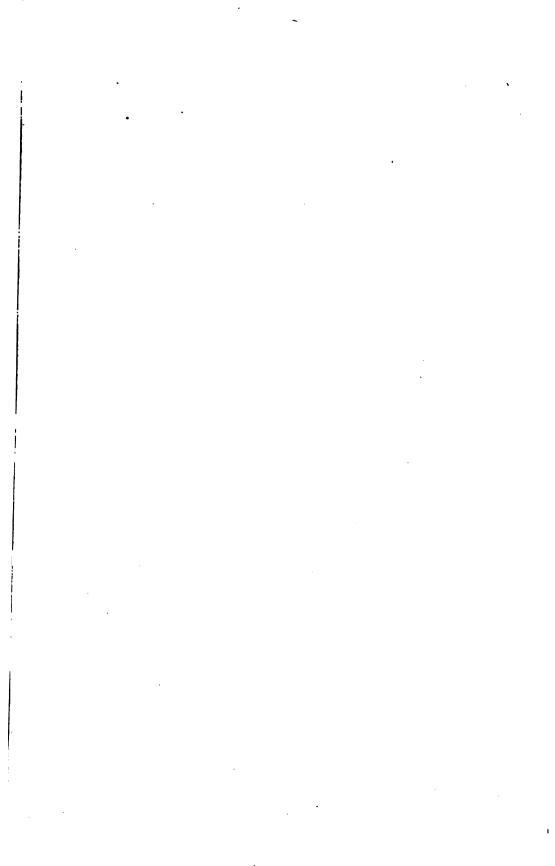


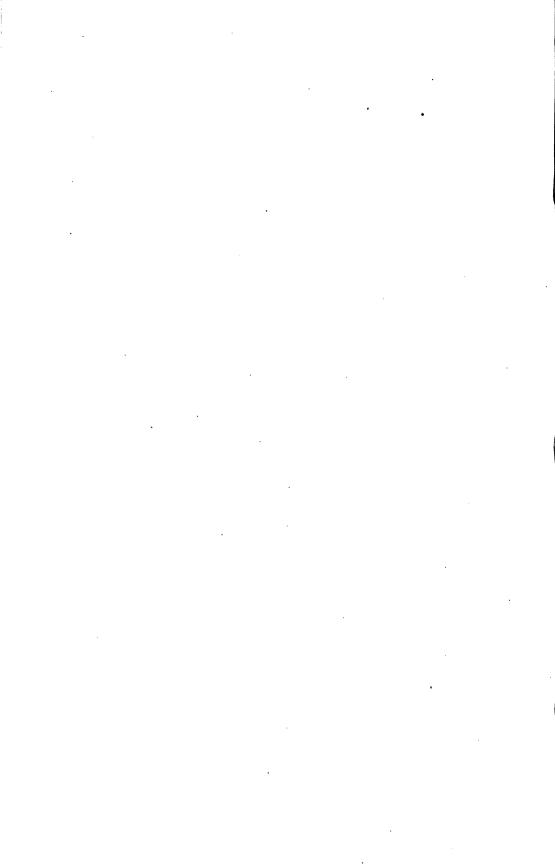


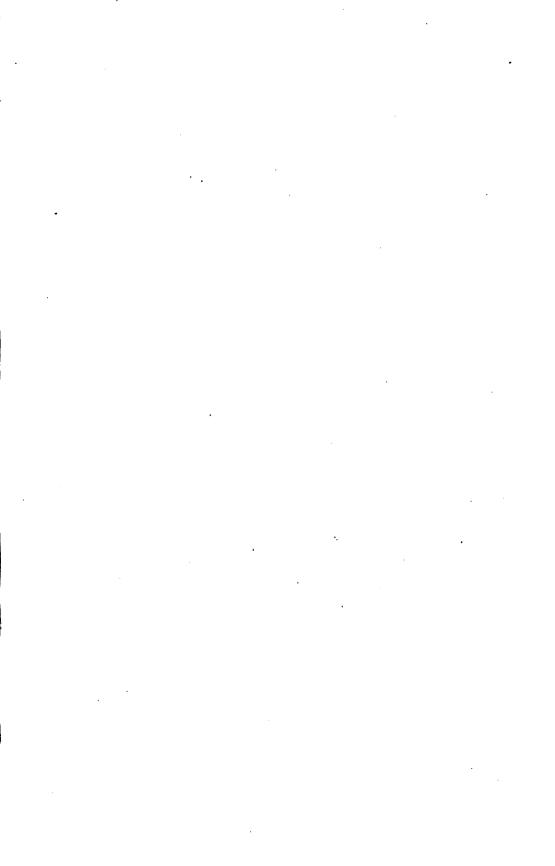




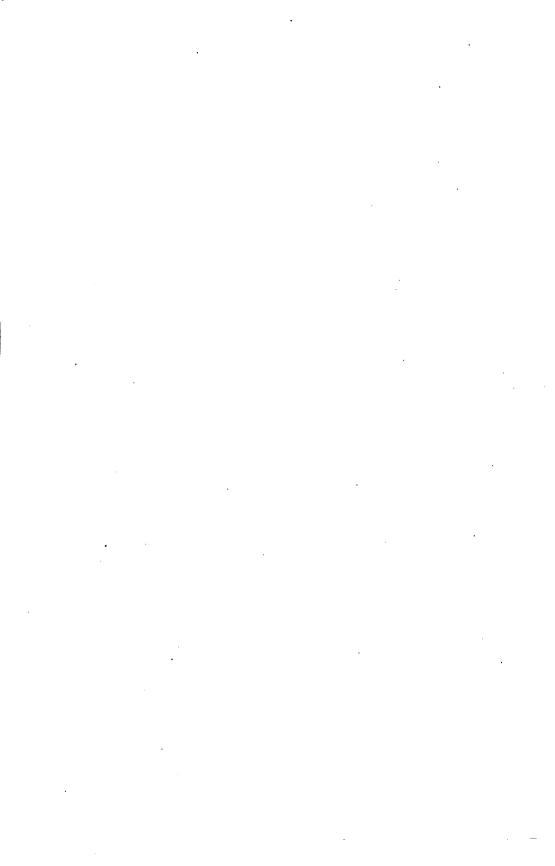
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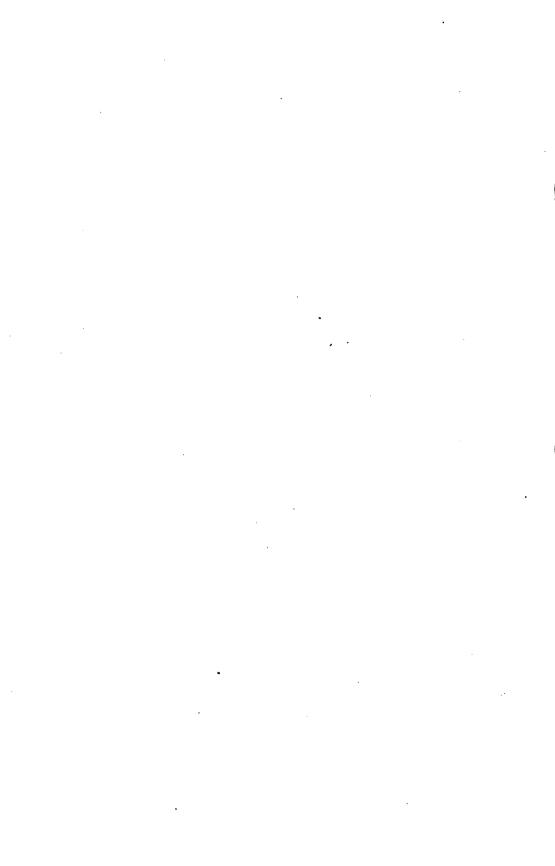


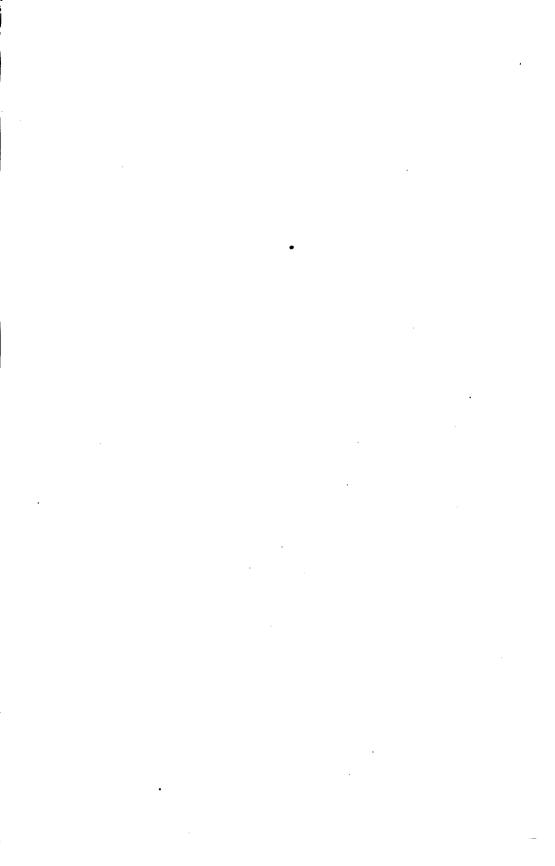
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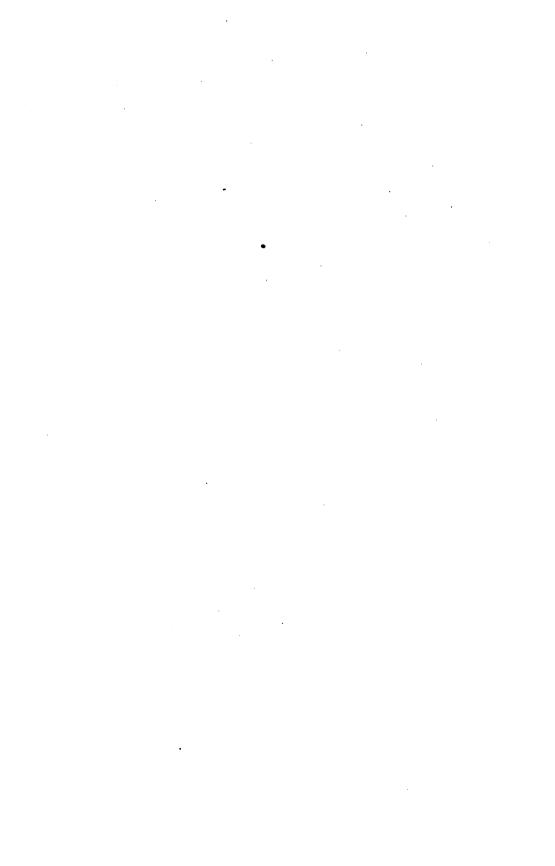


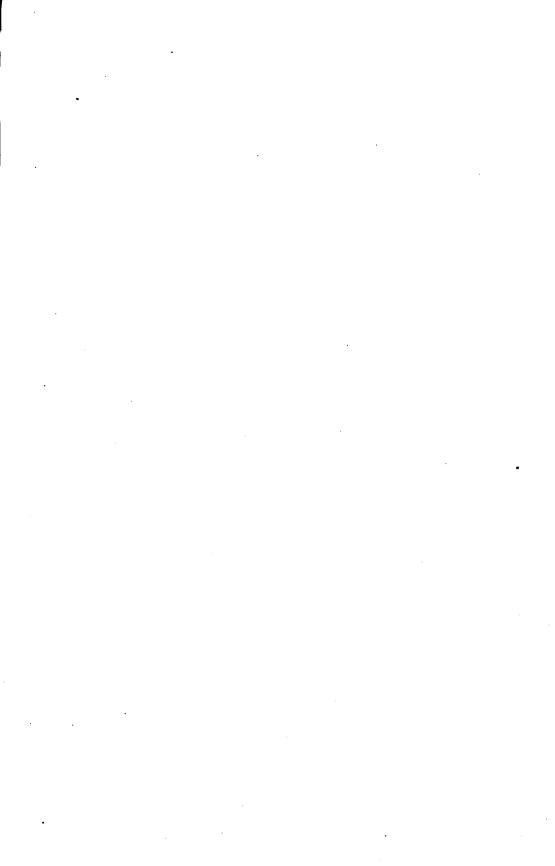
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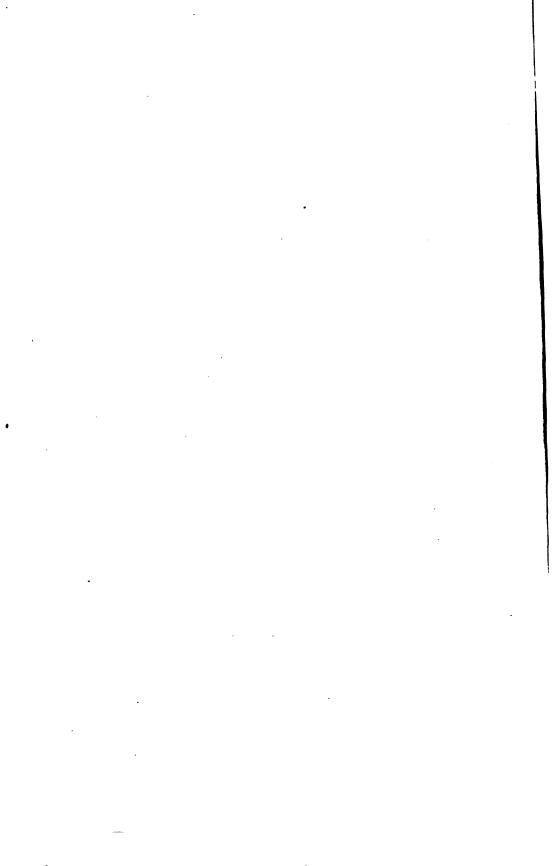


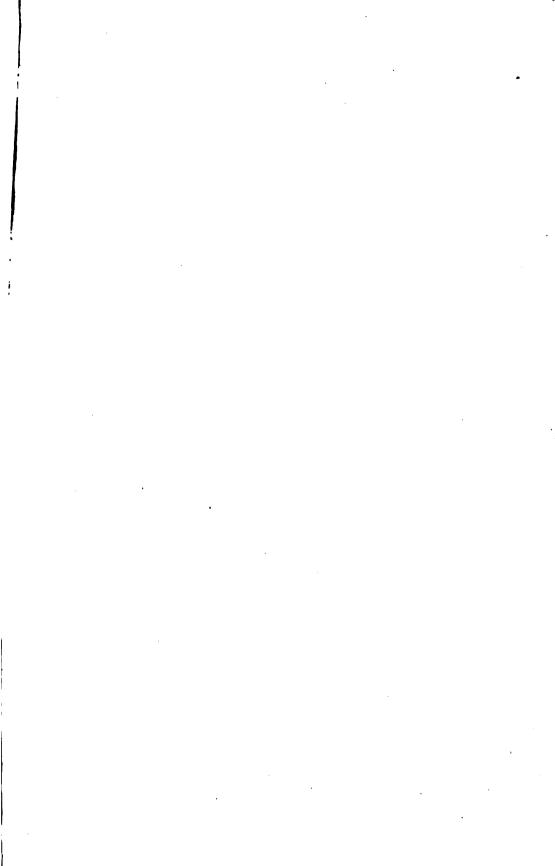




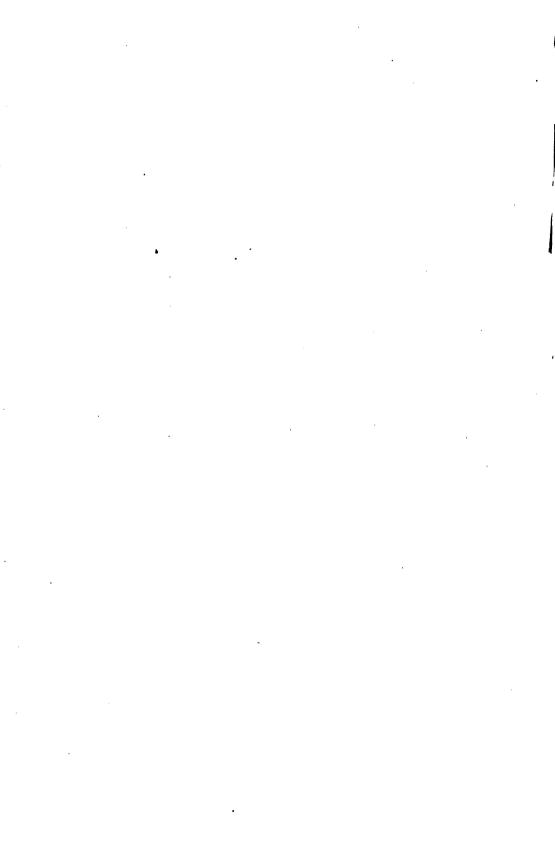
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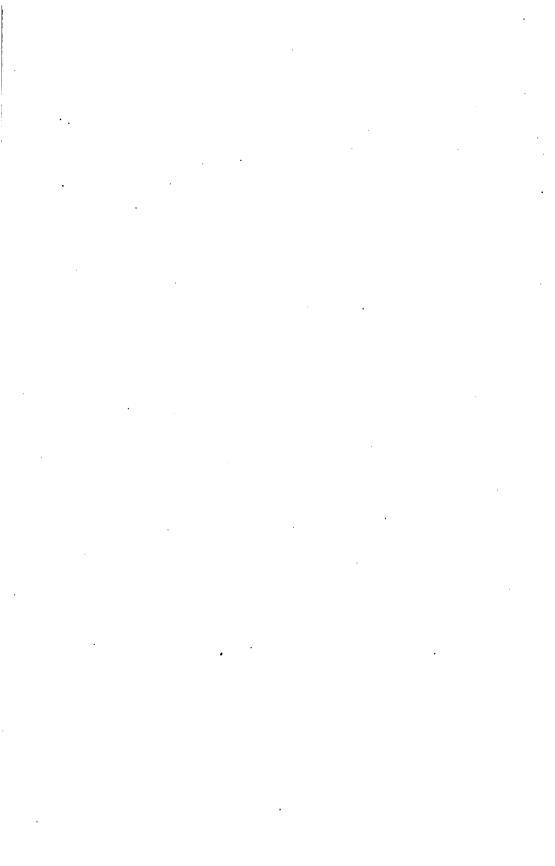




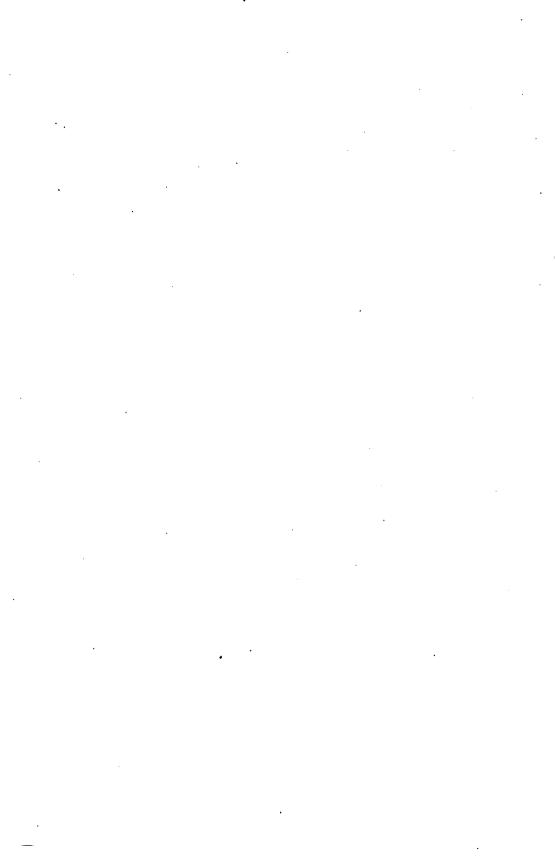








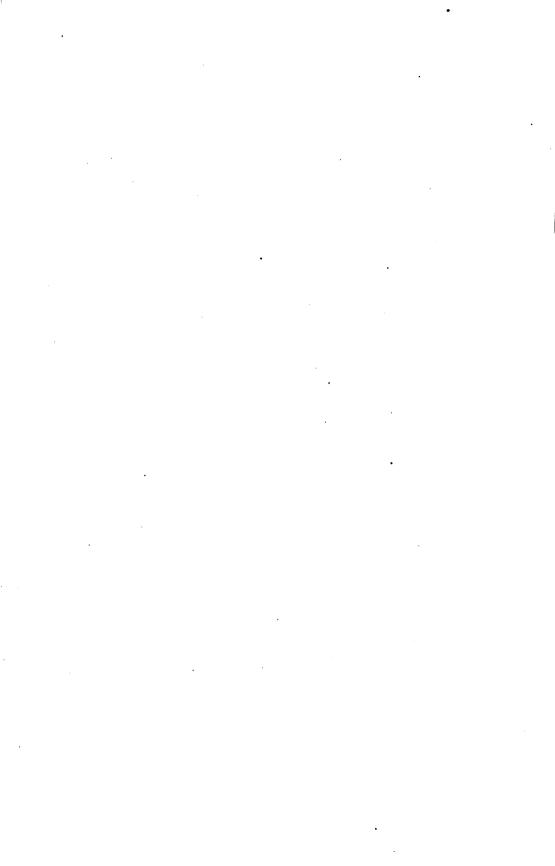












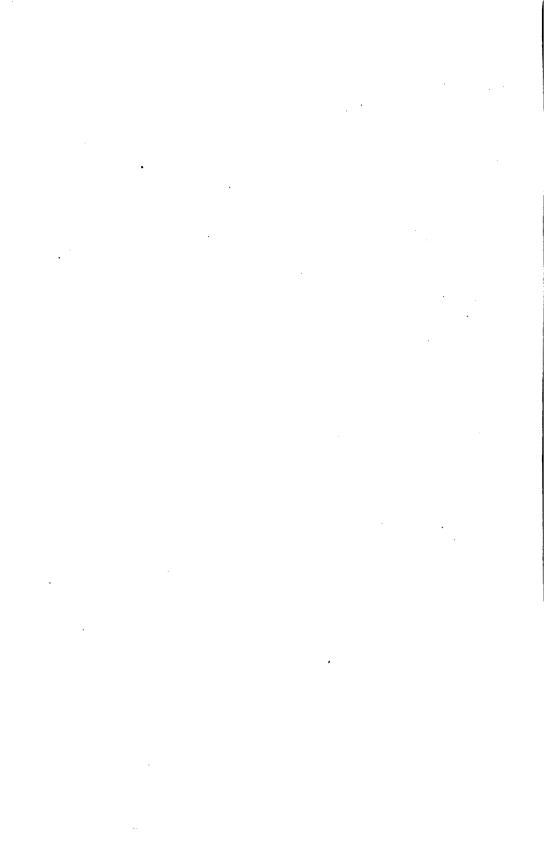
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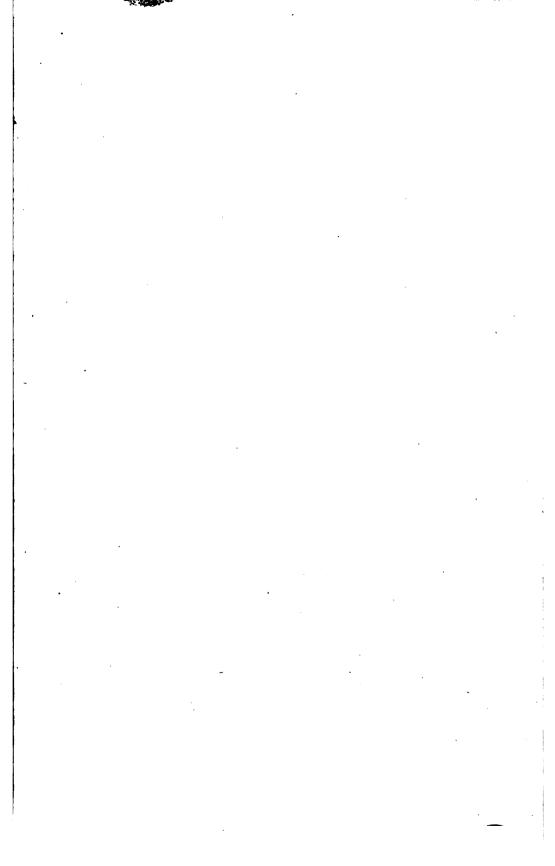
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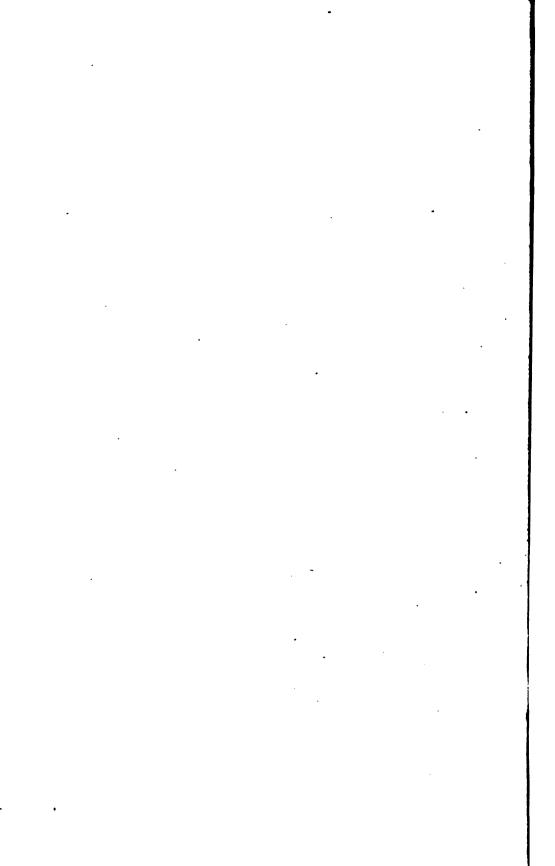
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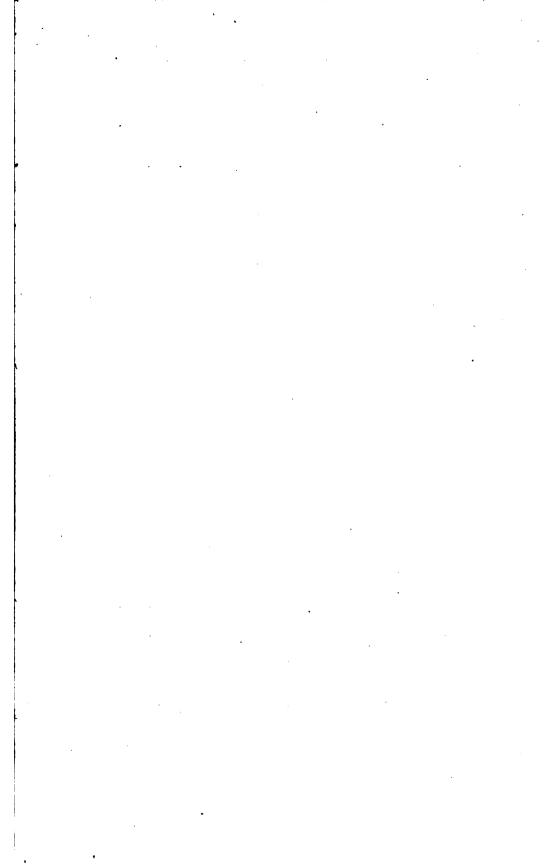
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